

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2021**

PRESENT Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioners Tyrel Hamilton and Steve Riveland, members; Shannon Fisher Admin Assistant.

Others Present: Kevin Ray, Road & Bridge; Joe Morse, Finance/HR; Stephanie Ray, Economic Development; Chip Kem, SCSO; Jen Hoines, Human Resources; Emily Schabacker, Stillwater County News; Citizens: Shirlee Keffer

PLEDGE Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES May 25, 2021. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS None presented.

CONSENT AGENDA **Road & Bridge**
A) Purchase request for installed Lift Master 12' Logic 5 commercial grade garage door opener for the Rapelje shop.

FILE ITEMS **Clerk & Recorder**
A) Report for the Month of May in the amount of \$20,136.10.

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda and file the file items. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Emily Schabacker asked if there was a dollar amount for the garage door opener. Commissioner Crago replied that the amount is \$1180.00. Commissioner Hamilton confirmed with Kevin Ray that there were three bids for this item and this was the lowest bid. Motion passed unanimously

REGULAR BUSINESS **Sheriff**
A) DUI Task Force Plan. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the DUI Task Force plan. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Emily Schabacker asked if there was any more information on this. Commissioner Hamilton explained that this is the annual strategic plan that the DUI Task Force has to submit to the State and there were no major changes from last year's plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development
A) Resolution of Intent 2021-10 supporting the application to the Montana Department of Commerce Big Sky Trust Fund for a countywide business/industrial park feasibility study. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the Resolution of Intent 2021-10 supporting the application to the Montana Department of Commerce Big Sky Trust Fund for a countywide business/industrial park feasibility study. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion - Emily Schabacker asked for an overview on this. Stephanie Ray explained that this grant is for onboarding a professional engineer to look at opportunity sites within the County for potential commercial pad site development for light industrial, business park, commercial development which requires access to I-90, rail access, water, sewer, fiber optics and all of the drainage. Being able to take a holistic view of the County to see where these sites are is

for the economic development of the County. There is the potential for distribution hub sites and business opportunities here within the County. Emily Schabacker if the grant has been received. Stephanie Ray replied that the County is applying for these grants and this is the resolution of intent to apply for the grant. It is a \$52,000.00 grant with \$27,000.00 being a grant and \$25,000.00 being committed by the County. Right now, the County is proposing to utilize the ARPA funds that are going to come into the County because that can be used for infrastructure and broadband economic development. Commissioner Hamilton further explained that included in this package is a support letter from the city supporting the intent to apply for the grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Road & Bridge

A) Order 2021-02 on abandonment of County Road #7. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve Order 2021-02 on abandonment of County Road #7. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton explained that this is a follow up to the public hearing held two weeks ago and this will be granting the abandonment of two miles of County Road #7. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Order 2021-03 on abandonment of County Road #82. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve Order 2021-03 on abandonment of County Road #82. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton explained that this order is to deny the abandonment of approximately three miles of County Road #82. After the public hearing, a letter was received from an affected landowner objecting to the abandonment within the appropriate time limit and is a valid objection and per State Statute the Board has to deny the entire abandonment of County Road #82. Commissioner Hamilton stated that this was discussed with the petitioner and they will resubmit the petition for a different portion of this County Road. This abandonment had been approved after the public hearing; this order is to deny the abandonment. Motion passed unanimously.

C) Request for bids for one free standing building utilized as the Stillwater Sand Shed at the Stillwater County Road & Bridge Facility located in Columbus. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the request for bids for one free standing building utilized as the Stillwater Road & Bridge sand shed at the Stillwater County Road & Bridge Facility in Columbus. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance

A) Resolution 2021-11 Distribution of Metal Mines License Tax 2nd half distribution of 2020. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2021-11 Distribution of Metal Mines License Tax 2nd half distribution of 2020. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that the total for elementary school districts is \$417,696.17. The total for high school district \$417,696.17. Commissioner Crago stated that the planning department received the same amount and there is also \$94,613.22 to be deposited into the hard rock trust fund. Commissioner Crago also noted that the Park City Schools had sent a letter requesting they receive shares of the Metal Mines License Tax, however, they are not a part of the impact agreement with the Mine and are not eligible for these funds. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission

A) Fire Warden appointment. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve Fire Warden appointment of Maureen Wiltshire, DES Coordinator. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – Shirlee Keffer stated that she is here to do a follow up on the conversation she had with Commissioner Crago on June 7, 2021. The Stillwater Republican Women host the politics and eggs breakfast and are planning for the July 10th meeting to have the topic of discussion be the FCIP brochure to bring awareness to the citizens of Stillwater County to the projects. At the last politics and eggs breakfast, Shirlee asked how many people knew what was going on. Only three hands of twenty- five were raised. This

will be an educational and awareness to the citizens as to what the committee has come up with as a plan of future buildings for the County.

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder